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CONCLUSION ROK-US SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING:

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1. THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES WAS HELD IN
SEOUL, SEPTEMBER 12-13, 1973 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
AGREEMENT ON FEBRUARY 6, 1971, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, AND AS AGREED ON JUNE 27, 1972 AT THE ANNUAL
SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING AT THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY,
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
JAE HUNG YU AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM P.
CLEMENTS, JR., TOGETHER WITH SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS, PARTICIPATED IN THE
MEETING. SECRETARY CLEMENTS PAID COURTESY CALLS TO H. E.
PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE AND PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG PIL AND
MADE VISITS AT THE INVITATION OF MINISTER YU TO DEFENSE
FACILITIES AND HISTORIC SITES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

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2. MINISTER YU AND SECRETARY CLEMENTS EXAMINED AND DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION IN GENERAL, AND MATTERS AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR. THEY ALSO EVALUATED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE THREAT FACING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED CAPABILITIES OF NORTH KOREA SINCE THE LAST MEETING, AND REVIEWED THE CAPABILITIES AND READINESS TO DEFEND AGAINST THAT THREAT. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THIS MATTER UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY.

3. BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED IT ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THEY CONCLUDED THAT THE COMBINED FORCES DEFENDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT ADEQUATE STRENGTH AND SIZE AND AT A SUFFICIENT STATE OF READINESS TO DETER THE RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES ON THE PENINSULA. SECRETARY CLEMENTS MADE CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO PRESENT PLANS FOR REDUCING ITS FORCES IN KOREA.

4. THE TWO DELEGATIONS EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH NATIONS SEEK A REDUCTION OF TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND IN THIS CONNECTION EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT NORTH KOREA WILL DEMONSTRATE CONCRETELY THAT IT REALLY INTENDS TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SOUTH-NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JULY 4, 1972. SECRETARY CLEMENTS AND MINISTER YU ALSO TOOK NOTE OF THE VARIOUS FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON JUNE 23, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THESE CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PERMANENT PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA.

5. SECRETARY CLEMENTS REASSURED MINISTER YU OF THE CONTINUED READINESS AND DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO RENDER PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1954 IN THE EVENT OF ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

BOTH MINISTER YU AND SECRETARY CLEMENTS REAFFIRMED THE STRONG BOND EXISTING BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AND RESOLVED TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN IT IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND COOPERATION. THEY AGREED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE

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TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF KOREA AND OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION.

6. MINISTER YU AND SECRETARY CLEMENTS REVIEWED THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMED FORCES WHICH WAS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS CONTAINED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT

OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971.
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THE TWO DELEGATES NOTED THAT THE ORDERLY IMPLEMENTATION

OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE
OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND IS ALSO
CONSISTANT WITH UNITED STATES POLICY OF STRENGTH AND PARTNER-
SHIP AS ENUNCIATED IN THE NIXON DOCTRINE. SECRETARY
CLEMENTS REITERATED THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO RE-
COGNIZE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S NEED FOR AN ADEQUATE AND
SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND ASSURED MINISTER
YU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL STRIVE TO MEET THAT NEED.

7. MINISTER YU EXPLAINED THE GREAT STRIDES MADE BY
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TOWARD ASSUMING A LARGER SHARE OF THE
REQUIREMENTS BOTH IN MANPOWER AND MATERIAL FOR ITS OWN
DEFENSE AND ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A DEFENSE INDUSTRY. SECRE-
TARY CLEMENTS WELCOMED SUCH EFFORTS AND URGED THAT THE REPUBLIC

OF KOREA CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING JOINT END-EAVORS WHICH BRING TOGETHER AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
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WITH KOREAN INDUSTRY TO DEVELOP AN INDUSTRIAL BASE CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING KOREA'S DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS. HE STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD SEEK TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE

IN THIS FIELD INCLUDING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

8. BOTH DELEGATES AGREED THAT THE NEXT ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

9. SECRETARY CLEMENTS EXPRESSED HIS SINCERE APPRECIATION TO MINISTER YU FOR THE COURTESY AND HOSHITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND HIS DELEGATION BY THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.
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